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SUBJECT: LENUSSE COMMUNIQUE ON MEETING WITH CAMPORA AND
SOLANO LIMA

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1. PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SEC SAJON TODAY ISSUED IN FORM OF COMMUNIQUE
LANUSSE'S REPORT TO CABINET ON YESTERDAY'S MEETING (SEE REFTEL).
LENGTHY DOCUMENT IS MORE A PLATFORM FOR LANUSSE TO STATE HIS
POSITION
AND DENOUNCE TERRORISM THAN IT IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE MEETING.
LANUSSE REPORTED TO HAVE INDICATED TO CAMPORA AND SOLANO LIMA
THAT ARGENTINA WAS AT CROSSROADS IN ITS HISTORY. SECTARIANISM AND
PARTY INTERESTS MUST BE PUT ASIDE AND PAST SHOULD NOT BE INVOKED.
TERRORISM WAS DIRECTED NOT AGAINST THIS GOVT BUT AGAINST REPUBLICAN
IDEA AND EXPRESSION OF POPULAR WILL, HE SAID.

2. SIGNIFICANTLY, THE COMMUNIQUE REPORTS LANUSSE TO HAVE CONCLUDED
ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE HAD PROVIDED ELECTIONS IN WHICH THE
PEOPLE HAD VOTED IN PEACE AND FOR PEACE. ADMIRAL CODA, BRIG REY
AND ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS, (PRESUMABLY INCLUDING HIMSELF) HE
CONTINUED, HAD EXPRESSED POINT OF VIEW THAT THE TRANSFER OF POWER
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SHOULD BE MADE UNDER THE BEST CONDITIONS POSSIBLE FOR THE FUTURE AUTHORITIES. NO EFFORT WILL BE SPARED TO ASSURE SUCH CONDITIONS, COMMUNIQUE REPORTS LANUSSE TO HAVE ASSERTED.

3. COMMENT: VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS MAY BE PLACED ON CONCLUDING STATEMENT. SOME MAY READ IT AS EFFORT TO JUSTIFY ANY POSTPONEMENT OF INAUGURATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS TERRORISM IS BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL, THUS PROVIDING " BEST CONDITIONS" FOR NEW AUTHORITIES. IRRATIONALITY AND DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A POSTPONEMENT, HOWEVER, LEADS EMBASSY TO CONCLUSION THAT INSTANT PARAGRAPH INSTEAD REPRESENTS EFFORTS TO JUSTIFY AND PUT BEST POSSIBLE FACE ON RECENTLY IMPOSED MARTIAL LAW AND OTHER MANIFESTATIONS OF MILITARY' S ALL- OUT EFFORT TO COMBAT TERRORISM BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 25.

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